

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 2343-04
BILL NO.: HB 1858
SUBJECT: Allows for Emancipation of Minors in Certain Circumstances
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 16, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services** assume this proposal will not fiscally affect their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services (DFS)** stated they do not expect any fiscal impact as a result of enactment of this proposal. As of January 2000, the Division had 208 youth in Independent Living Arrangement (ILA). Currently, youth age 18 and over who are in the care and custody of the Division have the option to petition for emancipation. It is the Division's experience that only a negligible number of those youth take advantage of this option. Therefore, it is expected that only a very small portion of the 16 to 17 year old youths will take advantage of this option, which should not impact the Division greatly.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** stated that while they anticipate a fiscal impact on the courts, depending on how often the process is used, there is no way at this time to quantify that impact. Any significant workload increase will be reflected in future budget requests.

Oversight obtained a population estimate of 16 and 17 year old persons from the US Census Bureau for 1998. The population estimates were 84,201 and 82,724 for persons aged 16 and 17 years, respectively. If only 1% of these persons asks the court for emancipation, the court would have an additional 1,669 cases. The OSCA reported that they heard 279,145 civil cases in the state in Fiscal Year 1999. If this proposal is enacted, it may result in an increase in court system case load of 0.6 %, depending on how many minors between the age of 16 and 18 would want to be emancipated. If only 1% of the state's population of 16 and 17 year old persons would want to be emancipated through the court system, it appears the court system could absorb the costs of the additional cases. Therefore, Oversight will not reflect a cost to the court system resulting from enactment of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows for the emancipation of minors in circumstances listed in the legislation. The proposal also lists the activities an emancipated minor may legally participate.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
February 16, 2000